

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church strives to become a regional center of excellence and national model for a local government's best practices, which result in a clean and secure energy future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church has taken measures to become more energy efficient over the years and continues to explore new technology and energy sources that are good for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City will work to improve the energy performance of the city's buildings and public schools, when cost-effective, in order to reduce both operating expenses and emissions resulting from conventionally generated electricity; and

WHEREAS, the City will work to increase the use of domestic biodiesel in the city's vehicle fleet to help wean the United States from oil imports and increase the nation's energy security; and

WHEREAS, the City will explore powering the city's buildings and public schools with renewable energy (electricity generated from wind power, solar power, biomass) and procure green power, when it is not cost prohibitive, in order to improve the region's air quality and stimulate the domestic market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falls Church, that in honor and respect for our nation's forefathers and in order to preserve a healthy neighborhood and high quality of life for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren, July 4, 2006 is hereby proclaimed as

Energy Independence Day

in the City of Falls Church and all citizens are urged to follow this example of reducing the United States' dependence on foreign oil, thus increasing the nation's energy security and promoting cleaner air.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of July 2006.

Council Member Sze